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Wagner Named Deputy Commissioner of the IRS Tax Exempt and Government Entities Division

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Washington – The Internal Revenue Service today announced the appointment of Christopher Wagner as Deputy Commissioner of the Tax Exempt and Government Entities (TE/GE) Division. Prior to this assignment, Wagner was the Deputy National Taxpayer Advocate.

Wagner has held numerous positions in enforcement functions within IRS, including the former Examination Division and the current Small Business/Self Employed Division, where he was involved with both examination and collection programs.

“Chris has a wealth of experience in both tax enforcement and taxpayer service,” said IRS Commissioner Mark W. Everson. “He will be a valuable addition to the TE/GE leadership team.”

TE/GE's three major business units — Exempt Organizations (EO), Employee Plans (EP) and Government Entities (GE) — oversee a diverse range of customers, from small volunteer community organizations to sovereign Indian tribes to large pension funds.

While these entities are not subject to federal income tax, they nonetheless represent a significant aspect of tax administration, with approximately three million entities controlling more than \$11 trillion in assets and paying over \$300 billion in employment tax and income tax withholding.